

Acronym Decoder Ring

Acronym	Definition	Details
ADEM	AZ Dept of Emergency Management	Helping prepare Arizona citizens for emergencies, protecting their lives and property, and coordinating the state's emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts when disaster strikes. http://www.dem.azdema.gov/logistics/comm/comm.html
AIRS	Arizona Interagency Radio System	Statewide mutual aid channels designed to provide interoperable communications capability to first responders. http://www.azpsic.gov/library/airs/
AUXCOMM	Auxiliary Communications	Amateur radio operators that provide auxiliary support to emergency management.
Bullfrog	Not an Acronym	State owned communications vehicle housed in Maricopa County. http://www.dem.azdema.gov/logistics/comm/mobilecomm.html
COML	Communications Unit Leader	Trained communications professionals that work to achieve interoperability through the ICS and among all responding agencies. http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/
COMT	Communications Unit Technician	Provides for the technical implementation of incident communications systems: equipment distribution, track equipment, train users on equipment, verify proper programming, assist COML to develop the ICS205.
COMU	Communications Unit	Tasked with managing the operational and technical aspects of incident communications. Due to rapidly changing incident demands, communications must be capable of meeting those demands.
EMAC	Emergency Mutual Aid Compact	EMAC offers assistance during governor-declared states of emergency through a responsive, straightforward system that allows states to deploy personnel, equipment, and commodities to help disaster relief efforts in other states. http://www.emacweb.org/
IAP	Incident Action Plan	Formally documents incident goals (known as control objectives in NIMS), operational period objectives, and the response strategy defined by incident command during response planning.
IC	Incident Commander	The IC is responsible for all aspects of the response, including developing incident objectives and managing all incident operations. The IC sets priorities and defines the ICS organization for the particular response.
ICS	Incident Command System	A standardized management tool capable of meeting the demands of small or large emergency or non-emergency situations, planned events, natural disasters and acts of terrorism. Key feature of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
ICS 205	Incident Radio Communications Plan	A single document that provides assignment information relating to all communications equipment for each operational period. The plan is a summary of information Frequency assignments contained in the Incident Communications Plan can be placed on the appropriate Assignment form (ICS 204).
IMT	Incident Management Team	A comprehensive resource (a team) to either augment ongoing operations through provision of infrastructure support, or when requested, transition to an incident management function to include all components/functions of a Command and General Staff. http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/ops_tactics/type3_imt/imt-about.shtm
INCM	Incident Communications Center Manager	Manages an Incident Communications Center, when having the COML do so would present span-of-control issues. http://www.search.org/files/pdf/ICS_COMU_ImplementBestPracticesGuide.pdf

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NIMS	National Incident Management System	Provides a systematic, proactive approach to guide departments and agencies at all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life and property and harm to the environment. NIMS works hand in hand with the <i>National Response Framework</i> (NRF). http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/NIMS_core.pdf
NIMS - CU	National Incident Management System – Communications Unit	Appointed by the SIEC, reviews the qualifications of each applicant seeking initial or renewal recognition as an Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML and awards recognition to qualified applicants. Responsible for maintaining a body of policies and procedures related to its work. http://www.azpsic.gov/about/commission.htm
OEC	Office of Emergency Communications	Partners with emergency communications personnel and government officials at all levels of government to lead the nationwide effort to improve emergency communications capabilities. (Dept of Homeland Security) http://www.dhs.gov/about-office-emergency-communications
PSCC	Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission	Charged with providing recommendations to the PSIC office on the development of standards based systems that provide interoperability of public safety agencies' communications statewide. http://www.azpsic.gov/about/commission.htm
PSIC	Public Safety Interoperable Communications	The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Office is responsible for advancing interoperable communications in Arizona and supporting the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC) and Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) in performance of their missions. http://www.azpsic.gov/
PTB	Position Task Book	The All-Hazards PTB lists the performance requirements (tasks) for the specific position (COML or COMT) in a format that allows a trainee to be evaluated against written guidelines. Trainees must demonstrate or perform successfully all tasks listed in the PTB to become certified in the ICS position to which they aspire. http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/
SIEC	Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee	The sub-committee of the PSCC responsible for technical and operational recommendations to the PSCC. In addition, the SIEC is responsible for management of the UHF / VHF spectrums. http://www.azpsic.gov/about/commission.htm
STA	Special Temporary Authority	The authority granted to a permittee or licensee to permit the operation of a communications facility for a limited period at a specified variance from the terms of the station or service authorization or requirements of the FCC rules applicable to a particular class of station or service http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/services/sta.html
TA	Technical Assistance Grant	Specific training or support functions available through OEC. Each state is able to request five per year. More details at publicsafetytools.info
THSP	Technical Specialist	Catch-all title for skills and abilities not identified in other ICS positions
TICP	Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan	Documents the interoperable communications governance structures, technology assets, and usage policies and procedures for a jurisdiction. A TICP provides a countywide understanding of the available communications capabilities and assets. http://www.azpsic.gov/library/casm/
Toad	Not an Acronym	State owned communications vehicles deployed throughout the state; available to all state, local and tribal agencies. http://www.dem.azdema.gov/logistics/comm/mobilecomm.html

